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# INFIGHT's RESPONSE TO THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL INVESTIGATING TEAM (KPN)

On December 27 1991 the National Investigative Committee (KPN) announced the results of its investigation into the 12 November Affair. Infight considers the report of a serious effort to uncover the real train of events connected with the affair. That the report differs from the official ABRI (Try Sutrisno) version is a departure from the norm. In the cases of Malari, Tanjung Priok, Aceh, Lampung, and the (petrus) mysterious killings we have been expected to accept the official (ABRI) figure put on the numbers of victims, which without fail has fallen well short of the actual figure.

Nevertheless, Infight regrets that the formation of the KPN was merely a response to international pressure and that its investigation was conducted at atime when the East Timorese community was too araid to speak out. Whilst the report surpassed expectations by showing the government's courage to admit to human right's disasters, it did fail to detail the actual train of events of the incident. THus a neutral comission under the auspices of the United Nations remains a necessity.

INFIGHT hopes the KPN reprt will mark the end to the military tradition of seeking violent solutions to political issues. The fact remains that the 12 Novemebr incdent represents violation of the basic human right to freedom of expression. That is, in the final analysis the military's response to the demonstration was violent and it is such violence that must not be repeated.

INFIGHT demands that the following actions be taken as a follow-up to the KPN report:

1. A guarantee that human rights in Indonesia will be inthe future upheld, in particular that criticism, in the form of demonstations, directed at the government, will no longer be dealt with in a violent manner

2. That the role of the military is limited to security such that the military no longer needs to justify its violent actions by saying its personnel were 'provoked', or to defend itself in a way that is not in keeping with the role of ABRI as national patriot.

3. As stated by the KPN report several members of the security apparatus who opened fire on the crowd of demonstrators were acting beyond their command. Those East Timorese detained as a result of the various prologues and epilogues of the 12 November Affair must therefore be released since they are only the victims of the irresponsible actions of certain elemnts within the military.

4. That the formation of ademocratic poilitical system as in accordance with the principles of human rights in East Timor in particular as well as in Indonesia as a whole is formed because only then can self-determination be truly realised.

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